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S E C R E T STOCKHOLM 6971

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, SW
SUBJECT: ALLEGED SWEDISH SPY RELEASED

REF: STOCKHOLM 6488

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE SWEDISH CITIZEN CHARGED WITH
ESPIONAGE IN LATE NOVEMBER (REFTEL) WAS RELEASED
DECEMBER 17 AFTER THREE WEEKS IN CUSTODY. PRESS NOW
IDENTIFIES HIM AS SANFRID ERIKSSON, 56, OF MORJARV.
THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS,
DECIDED THAT THE EVIDENCE AGAINST THE SUSPECT WAS
INSUFFICIENT TO STAND UP IN COURT.

2. THE PROSECUTOR NOTED THAT HE BELIEVED THE ARREST
HAD BEEN JUSTIFIED, AND THAT A COURT HAD AGREED THERE
EXISTED "PROBABLE CAUSE." THE IMPETUS FOR THE ARREST,
ACCORDING TO THE PROSECUTOR, WAS INFORMATION FROM A
RELIABLE SOURCE THAT ERIKSSON HAD PRIVATELY ADMITTED
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TO BEING A MEMBER OF AN ESPIONAGE NETWORK. SUBSEQUENT
INVESTIGATION, HOWEVER, DID NOT PRODUCE SUFFICIENT
EVIDENCE TO TAKE THE CASE TO TRIAL. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN SECRET. ACCORDING TO CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES,
THE SWEDISH SECURITY POLICE (SAPO) HAVE NO DOUBT

ABOUT ERIKSSON'S GUILT, AND HAD BEEN FOLLOWING
HIM FOR SOME TIME. FROM THE BEGINNING THE SWEDISH
AUTHORITIES SUSPECTED THAT THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO
MAKE A SUFFICIENTLY STRONG CASE, AND THEY HAVE BEEN
UNABLE TO PRODUCE THE NECESSARY LEGAL EVIDENCE TO
MAKE THE CHARGE STICK.
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